

1. In a server system, a method comprising:
identifying at least one media content identifier in a media content directory, wherein the media content identifier identifies media content, and wherein a plurality of stream access identifiers are associated with the media content identifier;
identifying at least one stream access identifier of the plurality of stream access identifiers that includes access information for accessing an original stream of media data from a media file comprising the media content; and
providing identifier information about the at least one stream access identifier to a client in response to a client request.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the original stream of the media data from the media file is provided to the client without protocol translation or format conversion being performed by the server system.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the access information comprises a uniform resource identifier for the media file.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises receiving user input.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises matching a characteristic of the at least one stream access identifier to a similar characteristic of the media file.
6. The method as in claim 1, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises applying a rule to the plurality of stream access identifiers.

7. The method as in claim 1, wherein the media content directory is maintained by a Universal Plug and Play content directory service implementation.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the media content directory comprises an attribute that specifies whether a particular stream access identifier corresponds to the original stream.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the at least one stream access identifier comprises the attribute.
10. A server system, comprising:
 - a content directory service implementation;
 - a media content directory maintained by the content directory service implementation, comprising:
 - a media content identifier identifying media content; and
 - a plurality of stream access identifiers associated with the media content identifier; and
 - an original stream identification service implementation configured to:
 - identify at least one stream access identifier of the plurality of stream access identifiers that includes access information for accessing an original stream of media data from a media file comprising the media content; and
 - provide identifier information about the at least one stream access identifier to a client in response to a client request.
11. The server system of claim 10, wherein the original stream of the media data from the media file is provided to the client without protocol translation or format conversion being performed by the server system.
12. The server system of claim 10, wherein the access information comprises a uniform resource identifier for the media file.

13. The server system of claim 10, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises receiving user input.
14. The server system of claim 10, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises matching a characteristic of the at least one stream access identifier to a similar characteristic of the media file.
15. The server system of claim 10, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises applying a rule to the plurality of stream access identifiers.
16. The server system as in claim 10, wherein the media content directory is maintained by a Universal Plug and Play content directory service implementation.
17. The server system of claim 10, wherein the media content directory comprises an attribute that specifies whether a particular stream access identifier corresponds to the original stream.
18. The server system of claim 17, wherein the at least one stream access identifier comprises the attribute.
19. A set of executable instructions for implementing a method in a server system, wherein the method comprises:
 - identifying at least one media content identifier in a media content directory, wherein the media content identifier identifies media content, and wherein a plurality of stream access identifiers are associated with the media content identifier;
 - identifying at least one stream access identifier of the plurality of stream access identifiers that includes access information for accessing an original stream of media data from a media file comprising the media content; and
 - providing identifier information about the at least one stream access identifier to a client in response to a client request.

20. The set of executable instructions of claim 19, wherein the original stream of the media data from the media file is provided to the client without protocol translation or format conversion being performed by the server system.
21. The set of executable instructions of claim 19, wherein the access information comprises a uniform resource identifier for the media file.
22. The set of executable instructions of claim 19, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises receiving user input.
23. The set of executable instructions of claim 19, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises matching a characteristic of the at least one stream access identifier to a similar characteristic of the media file.
24. The set of executable instructions of claim 19, wherein identifying the at least one stream access identifier comprises applying a rule to the plurality of stream access identifiers.
25. The set of executable instructions as in claim 19, wherein the media content directory is maintained by a Universal Plug and Play content directory service implementation.
26. The set of executable instructions of claim 19, wherein the media content directory comprises an attribute that specifies whether a particular stream access identifier corresponds to the original stream.
27. The set of executable instructions of claim 26, wherein the at least one stream access identifier comprises the attribute.